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SUBJECT: EX-SOVIET REFUGEES IN BELGIUM

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1. EMBASSY IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT APPARENT DELAY IN PROCESSING REFUGEES WHO ARE LOCATED IN BELGIUM. ISSUE IS ONE CONSIDERED SERIOUS BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AS WE HAVE REPORTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, NOTABLY IN BRUSSELS 7289. WE HAVE MADE POINT OF KEEPING BELGIANS FULLY INFORMED OF US ACTIVITIES UNDER USRP, BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE BY DEPARTMENT, US MISSION GENEVA, AND INS FRANKFURT. THIS INFORMATION PERMITTED BELGIANS TO TAKE MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARDS THEIR PROBLEM, AS THEY COULD SEE THAT RESOLUTION OF SIGNIFICANT PART OF PROBLEM WAS IN SIGHT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEIR ATTITUDE OVER THIS ISSUE ASSISTS US IN MAINTAINING UNRUFFLED US-BELGIAN RELATIONS AND AVOIDS BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS WHICH BELGIAN AUTHORITIES MIGHT OTHERWISE CREATE FOR THOSE REFUGEES WHO ARE HERE IN TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL STATUS.

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WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH LATTER ASPECT.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT CANADIANS HAVE SELECTED APPROXIMATELY 100 EX-SOVIET JEWISH REFUGEES TO GO TO CANADA AS IMMIGRANTS, NOT AS REFUGEES (CANADIANS HAVE REJECTED APPROXIMATELY 120). THESE 100 ARE DUE TO LEAVE BELGIUM FOR CANADA IN JANUARY.

3. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT APPROXIMATELY 120 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN FULLY PROCESSED BY INS AND COULD LEAVE FOR THE US AT ANYTIME THAT INS GIVES FINAL APPROVAL. ANOTHER 250 ARE NEARING THAT POINT. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BELGIANS ON NOV 20 (BRUSSELS 9127), WE EXPECT QUERY IN NEXT FEW DAYS ON PROGRESS OF REFUGEE PROCESSING AND DATE OF FIRST REFUGEE DEPARTURES FOR US. URGENT REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF A FEW INDIVIDUAL CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED FROM BELGIAN AUTHORITIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BRING BELGIANS UP TO DATE AND RESPOND TO THEIR EXPECTED QUERIES WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION. PLEASE ADVISE. RENNER

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